

# YEAR END REPORT

# PROTECT • RESTORE • EDUCATE



**Colorado Fourteeners Initiative**  
*A Partnership for Preservation*



In this period of thankful reflection, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who have helped make Colorado Fourteeners Initiative into the thriving, innovative organization it is today.

We had much to be thankful for in 2022. In January, CFI jointly shared in the Forest Service Chief's "Honor Award" for the Colorado Fourteeners Program, one of four projects highlighted nationally in the "sustaining our nation's forests and grasslands" category. Then in April, CFI was honored as the "Statewide Partner of the Year" by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency. The awards are high praise for CFI's work on the 14ers.

Since its founding 28 years ago, CFI has been "A Partnership for Preservation." On behalf of CFI's board and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of our vital mission. We would not be the successful organization we are today without everything you have done and continue to do for us!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lloyd F. Athearn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lloyd F. Athearn  
Executive Director

## VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP:

**1210:** Total volunteer stewardship days

**46:** Volunteer projects held

**\$305,017:**

In-kind value of trail stewardship volunteers

**1,440,000:**

Vertical feet gained by Elbert crew over season (CFI & RMYC)

**\$50:**

**47,255:**

Pounds of timber hand carried by humans over entire field season = 1,362 toddlers in Osprey Poco Child Carrier

## ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

**21,350:**

Amount lost by seasonal staff member who bet against CFI pulling off the helicopter lift operation

**2284:** square feet of backwall built = 3.4 interstate billboards

Pounds of timber hauled to 12,800' in about 3 hours on Grays/Torreys using a helicopter

**720,000:** **LBS**

Rock moved by griphoists

**490:**

Rock Steps installed (87,000 pounds) = weight of 5,437 adult marmots

**56:**

Total hours spent by Grays/Torreys crew driving multiple trailer loads of timber up Stevens Gulch Road at an average of 0.5 mph

**6188:**

Cubic feet of soil moved on Shavano = 1,085 bathtubs full of dirt

CFI'S 2022 SEASON

# BY THE NUMBERS

**363:** Number of hikers on Mount Lindsey during closure (63% decrease in use compared to 2021)

**11%:** Reduction in Grays and Torreys Peaks hiker traffic compared to 2021

**18,131:** Hikers attempting Mount Democrat in 2022 (116% increase over 2021 during private land closure)

**795:** Busiest day monitored by CFI trail counter (Pikes Peak on 9/17/2022 for Ascent race)

## SUSTAINABLE TRAILS:

**388:** Average Saturday hiking use on Mount Democrat (Highest across all trail counters)

**48%:** Share of weekly hiking use occurring on Saturdays and Sundays

**4:** Trail counter units tampered with or stolen

**\$1,000:** Value of stolen trail counters





## HIKER EDUCATION:

**3:** Summits filmed from using drone and/or hand-held camera for private lands educational videos

**10:** Media outlets covering CFI's 2021 14er Hiking Use Report

**73:** Estimated number of pikas saved by Peak Stewards



**41:** Active individual Peak Steward volunteers



**34,800:**

Linear feet of toilet paper packed out by crews (6.6 miles) = round trip hike up Quandary Peak



**64,342:** New views of CFI YouTube channel in 2022

**2:** Number of Peak Steward dogs

**34,527:**

Reach of CFI's 2021 14er Hiking Use Report on social media



**36%:**

Above average rainfall over four-month field season (NOAA data for Leadville/ Lake County)

## MISCELLANEOUS:



**3:** Crew member tents destroyed by marmots on Mount Wilson project



**2,125:** Gallons of sunscreen used by staff



**1:** Crew member tents destroyed by cows on Mount Shavano project



**2:** Statewide and national awards won by CFI

**10:**

Workers' comp claims filed



**1:** Parked truck damaged in hit-and-run accident

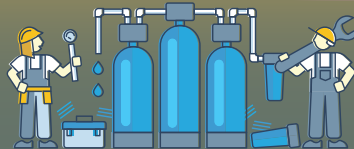


**128:**

Mule loads packing in and out of basecamps = 15,360 pounds of gear (60 lbs/mule x 2 loads/ mule x 128 loads)

**10,800:**

Liters of water filtered by CFI crews







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